RESOLUTION NO. 2026-XX

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BREVARD TO EXERCISE THE POWERS OF A HOUSING AUTHORITY (N.C.G.S. § 157)

WHEREAS, affordable, safe, and sanitary housing is essential to the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the City of Brevard; and

WHEREAS, many residents of our community—including working families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and individuals with low and moderate incomes—face increasing housing cost burdens, limited housing availability, and substandard or overcrowded living conditions; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 157-3 recognizes unsafe or unsanitary housing conditions as a public problem and authorizes local governments to address these conditions in furtherance of a valid public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard is committed to the expanding housing opportunities for all residents and is pursuing affordable housing initiatives in response; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes § 157-4 expressly authorizes a city, by resolution of its governing body, to determine that such conditions exist and to exercise the powers, duties, and responsibilities of a housing authority, without creating a separate public body; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard received a petition of 25 residents of the City and the area within 10 miles from the territorial boundaries setting forth that there is a need for an authority to function and for the City of Brevard to exercise these powers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brevard, after providing due notice, held a public hearing on January 5, 2026 regarding this petition; and

WHEREAS, allowing the City of Brevard to directly exercise housing authority powers would provide a locally accountable, efficient, and coordinated approach to addressing housing needs, leveraging public and private resources, and advancing affordable housing solutions aligned with local priorities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA THAT:

Section 01. There is a lack of safe or sanitary dwelling accommodations in the city and surrounding area within the City of Brevard and that there is a need for the City to exercise the powers of a housing authority, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 157-4; and

Section 02. Elect for the City to exercise all powers, duties, and responsibilities of a housing authority as authorized under Chapter 157 of the North Carolina General Statutes; and

Section 03. Direct City staff to take the necessary administrative, organizational, and planning steps to implement these powers in a transparent and effective manner for the benefit of City residents.

Adopted and approved this the 5th day of January, 2026.

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Maureen Copelof

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk